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In Northern Luzon there are no ports of entry, although there are several important towns (Laog, Vigan, and Aparri), that have extensive commercial relations with Manila. These places, however, are not far distant from Mariveles and the island boats infected with smallpox can be remanded there for disinfection.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL, *U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

Report from Manila—Cases of plague in Manila and Cavite.

MANILA, P. I., June 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended June 23, 1900, there occurred only 2 cases of plague in Manila—1 Filipino and 1 Chinese—neither resulting in death to date.

One more case has been reported in Cavite during this period, but all other places in the islands have remained free from the disease.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Quarantine officers at Iloilo and Cebu.

MANILA, P. I., June 27, 1900.

SIR: Referring to my telegram of the 16th instant, relative to medical officers for Iloilo and Cebu, I have the honor to inform you that I have detailed Asst. Surg. L. D. Fricks as quarantine officer at Iloilo, and Asst. Surg. H. A. Stansfield has been sent to Cebu to take charge of the work at that place. No more officers are needed at present, but in three months I will want an officer and hospital steward for duty at Mariveles Quarantine Station, and it would be preferable to send one who has had practical experience in disinfection.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., July 23, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended July 21, 1900. During the week there came into this port the provisional flag steamship *Julia* replacing the steamship *Maria Herrera*, they both belonging to the same company. As she was disinfected at Santiago and only carried immune passengers, she was admitted to pratique.

The general health of Ponce, according to the last report from the local board of health, shows no other infectious diseases than 1 case of typhoid fever and 3 of la grippe.

The mortality from diseases of the digestive apparatus still remains at an epidemic figure.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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